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ANNUAL REPORT

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March, 1955.

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the Borough and Port of Folkestone.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I herewith submit the Annual Report on the medical aspect of the
working of the Port of Folkestone for 1954.

Regular boat services during the year have been as follows:-

(a) Folkestone-Calais.

- (1) Daily passenger service by French steamer,
Cote D'Azur, and reliefs by British Railways
steamer, from 1st January to 31st December, 1954.
(Outward bound service took Golden Arrow passengers.)

(b) Folkestone-Boulogne.

- (1) Daily evening passenger service from 18th June
to 2nd October, 1954.
(2) Daily morning passenger service from 19th June
to 2nd October, 1954.

The Summer timetable for the Folkestone-Boulogne
services during 1954 was approximately three weeks
shorter than 1953.

The usual cargo service was maintained to and from Calais and
Boulogne.

There has been an increase of 85,302 passengers arriving at and
departing from the Port compared with 1953; the gross figures for the
past four years being:

		<u>1951.</u>	<u>1952.</u>	<u>1953.</u>	<u>1954.</u>
Inwards	..	285,782	260,975	224,526	277,388
Outwards	..	251,405	237,622	219,363	251,803
Total	..	<u>537,187</u>	<u>498,597</u>	<u>443,889</u>	<u>529,191</u>

The number of aliens arriving has shown an increase of 4,075
compared with 1953 and, as will be seen from the following summary,
1,634 more were medically examined:

		<u>1951.</u>	<u>1952.</u>	<u>1953.</u>	<u>1954.</u>
Aliens					
arriving	..	65,928	61,624	54,821	58,896
Medically					
examined	..	10,740	8,564	7,062	8,696
Certificates					
issued	..	10	20	12	11
Percentage					
examined	..	16	13.9	12.9	14.8

The aliens arriving to take up employment here continue to come mainly from Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Germany and France.

The men came to be employed in the tinsplate works, brickyards, iron foundries, coalite works, agriculture and for technical and professional employment with firms and as hotel workers; the women were mainly domestics, children's nurses and governesses, assistant hospital nurses, ward orderlies, textile and factory workers, etc.

As already stated in my previous reports I still consider it desirable that preliminary examination of the aliens in the countries of origin be carried out, since in the time available to the Medical Inspector here it is not possible to carry out comprehensive medical examinations which may exclude latent disease.

Eleven medical certificates were issued as a result of inspection under the Aliens Order; three of the aliens were landed conditionally and eight (seven for medical reasons and one for physical incapacity) were not permitted to land.

Three patients arriving at the Harbour (one accident, one chronic sick and one mental case) were examined to ensure their fitness to proceed to a pre-arranged destination in England.

Where possible stretcher cases arriving at Folkestone Harbour now travel to their destination by train. The County Ambulance Service arranges for the reservation of a compartment and a special type of stretcher which fits on the seats is used; attendants are also available to accompany the patients.

As and from 1st November, 1954, the Lympne Airport was placed on a care and maintenance basis by the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation and the staff of H.M. Customs and Excise withdrawn; thus I will no longer be required to act as a Medical Inspector at this airport.

I would like to, in conclusion, express my appreciation of the efficient work carried out by the Medical staff at the Harbour, and also of the continued co-operation of the Immigration Officials, Customs Officials and Ships' staffs.

I am,
Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

R.F.H. McELLIGOTT.

Port Medical Officer.

SECTION II - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year.

Table B.

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number By the Medical Officer of Health.	Inspected By the Sanitary Inspector.	Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board.
Foreign Ports	795	883,114	-	7	-
Coastwise	16	13,721	-	-	-
Total	811	896,835	-	7*	-

* These 7 vessels were regularly inspected. Total number of inspections
= 176

SECTION III - Character of shipping and trade during the year.

Passenger Traffic ...	{ Number of Passengers - INWARDS: 277,388. Number of Passengers - OUTWARDS: 251,803.
Cargo Traffic ...	{ Principal IMPORTS - Dates, fruit, vegetables, preserved fruit, wines and spirits, chocolate for manufacture of confec- tionery, horses and general cargo of miscellaneous character. Principal EXPORTS - Motor-cycles, horses, fish and general merchan- dise.
Principal Ports from which ships arrive - Calais and Boulogne.	

SECTION IV - Inland barge traffic.

Number and tonnage using the district and places served by the traffic.

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SECTION V - Water supply.

No change during the year.

SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952.

No change during the year.

SECTION VII - Smallpox.

- (1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which smallpox cases are sent from the district.

Joyce Green Hospital, Dartford, Kent.

- (2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance, giving the name of the authority responsible for the ambulance and the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews.

Patients suffering from Smallpox would be removed by arrangement with the Canterbury City Ambulance Service, which authority is responsible for the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews.

- (3) Name of smallpox consultant available.

Dr. Rex Fletcher of 30 Cheriton Gardens, Folkestone.
(Tel. No: Folkestone 3688).

- (4) Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of smallpox.

The Pathological Laboratories, County Hall, Maidstone.

SECTION VIII - Venereal Disease.

Information as to the location, days and hours of the available facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease among merchant seamen under the international arrangements, including in-patient treatment and the steps taken to make these facilities known to seamen.

Clinics under the control of Dr. C.M. Ockwell are available as follows:

General Hospital,
King's Avenue, Ashford ... Wednesdays and Saturdays - 11 to 12 noon.

Royal Victoria Hospital,
Dover ... Mondays and Thursdays - 6 to 7pm
Kent and Canterbury
Hospital, Canterbury ... Tuesdays and Fridays - 5 to 6.30 p.m.

General Hospital,
St. Peter's Road, Margate. Tuesdays and Fridays - 11 to 12 noon.

In-patient treatment is available at all of these hospitals. Where necessary full information supplied to seamen concerned.

Section VIII - Venereal Disease. (Cont.)

Arrangements were made with the British Railway authorities for the new type of posters, giving full particulars of the various clinics in this area, to be displayed in the Public Conveniences on the Folkestone Harbour.

SECTION IX - Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases on ships.

An alien arriving from France was found to be suffering from "Pyrexia of Unknown Origin." He was admitted to Buckland Hospital, Dover, for observation and discharged fully recovered after three days.

Table D.

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year		Number of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	P.U.O.	1	-	1
	Measles	1	-	1
	Chickenpox	1	-	1
Cases landed from other ships	-	-	-	-
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival	-	-	-	-

A short account should be given of the measures taken on the arrival by ships of (a) any case of smallpox, cholera, plague, yellow fever, typhus or relapsing fever included in Table D; (b) any suspected cases of any such disease.

No action necessary during the year.

SECTION X - Observations on the occurrence of malaria in ships.

No cases occurred during the year.

SECTION XI - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague.

No action necessary during the year.

SECTION XII - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports.

(1) Procedure for inspection of ships for rats.

Formal inspections carried out by Dover Health staff and amplified by local Port Health Inspectors during course of routine inspection of vessels.

Section XII - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports.
(Cont.)

- (2) Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents, with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year.

Facilities exist for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents at the County Laboratory, Maidstone.
None of the rodents sent for examination during the year.

- (3) Arrangements in the district for deratting ships, the methods used, and, if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor.

Harbour district treated as necessary by Rodent Operators of the British Railways Southern Region and assistance given by the Borough Rodent Operator as required, there being complete liaison between the two authorities.

When necessary ships are treated with Hydrogen Cyanide by the Fumigation Services Ltd., Barking, Essex, under the direction of the Dover Port Health Inspectors.

- (4) Progress in the rat-proofing of ships.

Not found necessary.

Table E.

Rodents destroyed during the year
in ships from foreign ports.

Category.	Number.
Black rats) Nil.
Brown rats	
Species not known ...	
Sent for examination ...	
Infected with plague ...	

Table F.

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates
issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

None issued - Folkestone is not an approved port.
Certificates for vessels owned by the British Railways and using this port are issued by the Dover Port Health authority.

SECTION XIII - Inspection of ships for nuisances.

Table G.

Inspections and Notices.

Nature and number of Inspections.		Notices served.		Result of serving Notices.
		Statutory Notices	Other Notices.	
General inspection of crews' quarters, food preparing places, etc.	176	-	-	-
Total:	176	-	-	-

SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shell-fish) Regulations 1934 and 1948.

No change during the year.

SECTION XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens (applicable only to ports approved for the landing of aliens.)

(1) List of Medical Inspectors of Aliens holding Warrants of Appointment.

Name.	Date of Appointment.	Qualifications.
R.F.H. McElligott.	28.10.49.	M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O.
J.H. Campbell.	16. 4.51.	M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.
H. Yates.	-8.10.52.	M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

All the Medical Inspectors were employed on a part-time basis.

(2) List of other staff engaged on this work.

Name.	Nature of Appointment.	Date of Appointment.	Qualifications.
Mrs. D. Summerfield.	Nurse-Attendant. (Part-time.)	1937.	S.R.N., C.M.B., H.V. and S.N. Cert. of R.S.I.

(3) Organisation of work.

Dr. R.F.H. McElligott, with the assistance of Mrs. D. Summerfield, Nurse-Attendant, is responsible for the organisation of the work.

(4) Nature and amount of aliens traffic.

The aliens arriving to take up employment in this country continue to come mainly from Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, and France.

There were 1,634 more aliens examined in 1954 compared with 1953. The men were for employment in the tinplate works, brick-yards, iron foundries, coalite works, agriculture, hotels and for technical and professional employment with various firms; the women were mainly domestics, children's nurses and governesses, assistant hospital nurses, ward orderlies, textile and factory workers, etc.

A summary of the number of aliens arriving, examined and certificates issued during 1954 is set out on the next page:-

A. Total number of arriving vessels carrying aliens
 (a) Passenger 600.
 (b) Cargo 50.
Total: 650.

B. Total number of aliens (excluding transmigrants)
 (a) Arriving at the port 58,894.
 (b) Medically inspected -
 (c) Medically examined 8,694.

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Certificates issued	Aliens permitted to land		Aliens not permitted to land	Total
	Unconditionally	Conditionally		
(a) Unsound mind or mentally defective	-	-	-	-
(b) Undesirable for medical reasons	-	1	7	8
(c) Physical incapacity ..	-	1	1	2
(d) Acute infectious disease	-	1	-	1
(e) Conditionally landed for adequate medical examination ...	-	-	-	-

D. Transmigrants landing and medically examined 2.
 (a) Verminous)
 (b) Trachoma)
 (c) Favus) Nil.
 (d) Other diseases)

E. Analysis of aliens referred by Immigration Officer for medical examination.

	Number examined	Certificates issued for
(i) Ministry of Labour permits (M.L.)	8,315	9
(ii) Immigrants without M.L. permits	255	-
(iii) Others remaining more than 3 months and intending to take up employment	71	-
(iv) Students	17	-
(v) Visiting for health reasons	14	-
(vi) Appearing to the Immigration Officer to be:		
(a) not in robust health	21	1
(b) mentally or physically abnormal or subnormal	1	1
(c) bodily dirty	-	-
(d) in need of medical examination for other special reason	-	-
(vii) Seamen or airmen travelling as passengers	-	-
<u>Total:</u>	8,694*	11

* Plus 2 transmigrants.

5. Accommodation for medical inspection and examination.

The usual practice of carrying out the examinations in cabins on board passenger ships has been continued.

SECTION XVI - Miscellaneous.

Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from infectious disease.

No change during the year.

SECTION XVII - Food Inspection.

Information supplied by L. H. Vale, Esq., Chief Sanitary Inspector for Borough and Port of Folkestone.

(1) Summary of Foodstuffs imported during 1954.

FOODSTUFF.	BOULOGNE		GALAIS	
	tons.	cwts.	tons.	cwts.
Chewing gum	1	13	-	-
Chocolate	11	19	-	-
Dates	2047	13	-	-
Fruit	84	4	-	-
Poultry	2	10	-	-
Preserved Fruit	-	11	48	10
Preserved Meat	64	6	-	-
Vegetables	34	6	-	-
Totals:	2247	2	48	10

Grand Total: 2,295 tons 12 cwts.

(2) Foodstuffs condemned.

145 bags of periwinkles 7 tons 5 cwts.

(3) Visits to Port.

The Port Health Inspectors made 571 visits during the year.

(4) Number of Samples of Food examined by:-

(a) Bacteriologist: Nil.

(b) Analyst: 3 samples.
(Chemical examination).

Nature of Sample.	Result of Analysis.	Remarks.
Angelica.	Genuine Angelica. Free from iron preserva- tives and metallic contamination.	Satisfactory.
Canned Truffles.	Free from metallic contamination and preservatives.	Satisfactory.
Canned Edible Snails.	Can in good condition and contained no gas. Free from metallic contamination and preservatives.	Satisfactory.

(5) Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations 1937.

- (a) Two packages containing pork sausages.
- (b) One hamper containing calves' heads and
sweetbreads.

The above arrived without "Official Certificates" and were landed from France in both instances. Importation was prohibited and the consignments were later re-exported.

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